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My dear Thornton.

Many thanks for your letter, and for what you tell me of the pleasure given that evening. The pleasure felt in the giving was great also. Between the two natures (I mean this, and the other of which we spoke below stairs) there appears to me all the difference in the world that can be created by the most

opposite qualities; and hence, especially in the
yet remaining injustice of men's legislation
on such subjects, and the cruel and semi-
barbarous state of society, the respect and
sympathizing tenderness which I feel
I say "especially," for the qualities are
of a kind to engage esteem and interest
~~apart from~~ their own sakes, whether in
combination with those circumstances, or
apart from them.

Your ever loving father,

L. H.

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